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Background of CAE

In August 2001 the Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) was established via merger between the Academic Instructor School (AIS) and the AU-Wide Faculty Development Division. Based on the concept of centers of excellence at institutions such as the Air Force Academy and civilian universities, the CAE was developed to provide Air University faculty with a forum to share ideas and techniques for success in the classroom.

CAE Vision

"To provide Air University's global faculty with the educational assistance, information, technology, skills, tools, and techniques to prepare their students to successfully complete USAF missions throughout the world."

Services Offered

- * Assistance and information to faculty on Improving teaching skills and techniques
- * Faculty mentoring programs
- * Confidential consulting to improve teaching skills
- * Assistance and information to faculty through academic conferences, events, workshops, calls for papers, publishing information, etc.



Writing Initiatives

The challenge of improving writing among the AU faculty and staff has been one of our most prominent activities over the past year.

Listed below are four writing improvement efforts completed by AIS (Center for Academic Excellence) over the past year:

- * Created lesson on Effective Writing for the AIS Basic Course (Nov '01 – Apr '02)
- * Sponsored Air Force Academy Executive Writing Program at Air University (Mar '02)
- * Developed Writing Course for various AU faculty teams (May – Jul '02)
- * Sponsored Grading Workshop (Jul '02)

Future plans to improve writing include:

- * Establish ongoing programs (workshops) to assist faculty and staff on continuing their professional development in terms of technical, research and staff writing
- * Incorporate recurring Writing Section into this AU Faculty Newsletter
- * Establish a Writing Center at AU staffed with professional writers/English experts to assist students, faculty and staff on any aspect of writing

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